

OFFICIALS VIEW OLD CONVICT SHIP

Men Prominent in City and State
Government Board Ancient
Packet Success.

THEY SHUDDER AT SCENES

Big Crowd in Afternoon and
Night Thrilled by Remark-
able Spectacle.

Accompanying Mayor Ahlne and officials of the State and municipal government, about 100 citizens of Richmond boarded the ancient British convict ship *Success* yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock as the guests of Captain D. H. Smith, owner of the historic packet. Following the inspection by the invited guests the gangway was opened to the general public, and at 12:30 o'clock the crowds began to stream up the vessel's side. A big crowd viewed the astonishing relics of a barbaric penal system so well preserved on the *Success*, which has been tied up in an easily accessible berth in the City Dock, at Eighteenth and Cary Streets.

Among those to go aboard the *Success* yesterday morning were State Superintendent of Public Instruction R. C. Stearnes, Colonel B. O. James, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Keiser, Colonel John W. Buchanan, Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, Davis Bottom, State Superintendent of Public Printing, Mayor George Ahlne, Chairman Robert Whitte, Elben C. Poles, John H. Hargrave, Milton McCarthy, of the Administrative Board, Councilman John W. Moore, Delegate D. L. Toney, G. Channing Russell, city sergeant-at-arms, W. T. Dabney and W. T. Reed, of the Chamber of Commerce, Manager Horace F. Smith, of the Manufacturers' Exhibit, Secretary C. P. Walford, of the Business Men's Club, Dr. George Bon Johnston, Sheriff E. H. Kemp and others.

Was Figure in Cells.
Immediately upon stepping upon the century-old deck of the *Success* the visitors were taken in tow by uniformed guides, who have their history at their finger tips, and were conducted upon an inspection of every corner and crevice. From an examination of ancient clanking shackles, with seventy-five-pound iron balls attached, in which prisoners were allowed to promenade the deck, the visitors saw the old hand-pump and hand-windlass of the *Success*, two pieces of marine mechanism now extinct. Both are in perfect working order.

From these the guests were led down the companionway onto the first covered deck, along the sides of which ran the narrow, stuffy, gloomy cells, in which stand wax figures molded to represent the prisoners who once occupied them. The work was in the vessel, illustrating terrible events which took place on her decks, are themselves worthy of a special inspection. They are molded with such life-like skill that visitors at first could not repress a start and a chilled remembrance of the blood at the sight of such cruelty.

See Instruments of Torture.
How the impending visitors viewed the "tiger den" where the most vicious of the Australian bushrangers were thrown for safekeeping; the black hole, a narrow, damp cell, unlighted by port-hole, in which the prisoners could neither lie down nor walk; the iron stocks, in which talkative convicts were made to stand for days; the condemned cell, from which forty-two unfortunate were led to their death, and a thousand and one other sights inconceivable in the modern mind.

The guests, shaken by the concrete evidences of a barbarity which exceeded all knowledge, emerged from the cell rows into a bright light of the deck with a sigh of relief. Up above they viewed an original mast of oak wood, which has borne canvas for 123 years; an ancient iron signal cannon, which was fired at the British fleet in 1781; the old ship's bell, which was rung in the morning until 10 o'clock at night. Electric lights make the night inspection as interesting, and perhaps more awe-inspiring, than the day tour.

The old vessel was launched in 1780 at Portsmouth, in England.

At first she began her career as an armored passenger-carrying packet of the East India merchantman fleet. From this she degenerated into a condemned ship, and in 1851 was converted into a floating prison by the Australian government.

For Boys

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News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,
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Petersburg, Va., December 15.

To-morrow, December 16, is the day originally named by the Democratic City Committee for the holding of a primary election for the nomination of a candidate for judge of the Hastings Court of Petersburg. No primary, however, will be held. But one aspirant was willing to enter the primary, and the city committee, without endorsing or recommending any one, practically declared the primary off. The nomination for judge of the Hastings Court will be made by the legislative Democratic caucus.

The Late John W. Hays.

The funeral of Captain John W. Hays, whose death yesterday morning of paralysis has been announced in The Times-Dispatch, took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a member. The services were conducted by the pastor, Dr. Senter, and Presiding Elder Lipscomb. Captain Hays was fifty-two years old, and was born in Oxford, N. C. He was the son of John W. Hays, a prominent member of the North Carolina bar. He was educated at the Homer School, of Oxford, and the University of North Carolina. Leaving the law, he entered government service, he came to Petersburg, where, for years, he was City Engineer. He built the city water works, laid out Central Park, and in many ways left his impression on the physical character of the city. His last work was the development of the Walnut Hill suburb. He was president of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanic Association, was worshipful master of the Grand Lodge of Masons, and a Knight Templar. In 1886 he married Miss Mary Bulah Leigh, daughter of the late Dr. H. G. Leigh, who survives him, with six children, all of this city. He is also survived by two sisters and two brothers.

Other Deaths.
Richard C. Inge, aged thirty years, died yesterday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Corrie Wells, on Commerce Street. Two sisters and a brother survive.

The body of John Bruckshaw, a former citizen of Petersburg, who died suddenly yesterday in Norfolk, was brought to this city this morning and was buried in Highland Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. C. B. Bryan, rector of Grace Church, conducted the services at the grave.

Wedding Notes.
Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Rice Willett, of Washington, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Kate Dunton Turnbull, to Harry Clifton Byrd on Saturday, December 27, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the residence in Washington. The bride-to-be is a native of Petersburg, and has many friends here. She is the granddaughter of former City Treasurer Charles A. Shugart.

Last evening, at 9:45 o'clock, at the residence of the officiating minister, the Rev. L. M. Roper, D. D., of the First Baptist Church, Miss Mary E. Ashby, of this city, and John McLean, of Norfolk, were married. The attendants were Miss Bessie Ashby, sister of the bride, and John Dance.

Baptist Sunday Schools.
The Baptist Sunday School Association held its monthly meeting in the First Baptist Church yesterday afternoon. Reports from the nine schools comprising the association showed an aggregate register of 1,985 pupils, with

CROP PRODUCTION UNUSUALLY SHORT

Annual Report by Secretary
Houston Tells of Smallest Average Yield in Decade.

PRICES SOAR AS RESULT

With Wheat the Only Record-Breaker, Money Yield Is Biggest in Years.

Washington, December 15.—With the most valuable crop of corn and cotton ever produced, and the second most valuable oats crop, the value of the nation's fourteen principal farm crops this year aggregates the enormous total of \$4,249,931,000, the Department of Agriculture announced to-day in its final estimate of acreage, production and value. This is an increase of \$132,953,000 over last year, and of \$356,772,000 over 1911, based on the prices paid to farmers on December 1.

The acreage of these crops is equivalent to a farm one-seventh the size of continental United States. The exact area planted to these fourteen crops, which is more than 95 per cent of the total of all crop area, was 299,433,000 acres, an increase of almost 5,000,000 acres over last year, and of more than 2,000,000 over the 1911 area. More than one-third of the total acreage was planted to corn.

For the crops, as a whole, the average production per acre was valued at about \$15.50. The corn crop averaged \$13.56 per acre, the 1912 sugar beets, \$52.64; wheat, \$12.14; oats, \$11.44; sweet potatoes, \$53.60; rice, \$26.68; potatoes, \$62.10; tobacco, \$100.35, and rye, \$12.04.

The figures are the official government estimates of acreage, production and value, based on prices paid to farmers on December 1. These fourteen crops are only a portion of the production of the soil, which approximates \$6,000,000,000 in value each year. The total value of the annual products of the farm is estimated at about \$3,600,000,000 annually.

Crop Unusually Small.

"The production of crops in the United States in 1913 was materially below the average," the Secretary of Agriculture, David F. Houston, announces, "the yield per acre of all crops combined being smaller than in any year of the past decade, with the exception of 1911. This shortage was caused by a severe drought, accompanied by excessive heat during the summer months. In an important portion of the agricultural district of the United States, and particularly in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and adjacent States.

"Inasmuch as crop production of 1912 was unusually large, a greater proportion than usual has been carried into the present crop year, which has resulted in somewhat the effects of the shortage of last year's crops.

Corn Takes Big Drop.

"The corn crop, the most valuable farm product of this country, is smaller than any crop since 1903. When production is the largest ever recorded in this country, the crop was practically matured before the drought became effective. The oat crop is the third largest of our history. There has been a steady expansion of the area of this crop. The hay crop is smaller than the large crop of 1912. Rather liberal rains in the summer and fall have produced good pastures. The cotton crop will perhaps rank fourth or third in size.

"The acreage devoted to these five crops—corn, cotton, oats, hay and rice—comprises about 90 per cent of the area in all crops, and therefore has a predominating effect upon the general average condition of all crops. Nearly all the minor crops were materially smaller this year than in 1912, and the per acre yields below their average.

"To the producers the lessened crop production this year is largely compensated by the increased prices received for their produce, for, although the total crop production is approximately 12 per cent smaller than last year's production, the average level of prices is higher than last year's.

Statistical Reports.
The final estimate of to-day, with comparisons for 1912 and 1911, is as follows:

Corn—Area harvested, 195,820,000 acres, compared with 197,683,000 acres last year and 165,825,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield, 23.1 bushels, compared with 22.2 bushels last year and 23.9 bushels in 1911. Production, 4,524,740,000 bushels, compared with 4,521,488,000 bushels in 1911. Farm value, December 1, per bushel, 63.1 cents, compared with 48.7 cents last year and 51.5 cents in 1911. Total value of the crop, \$1,692,092,000, compared with \$1,505,454,000 last year and \$1,565,255,000 in 1911.

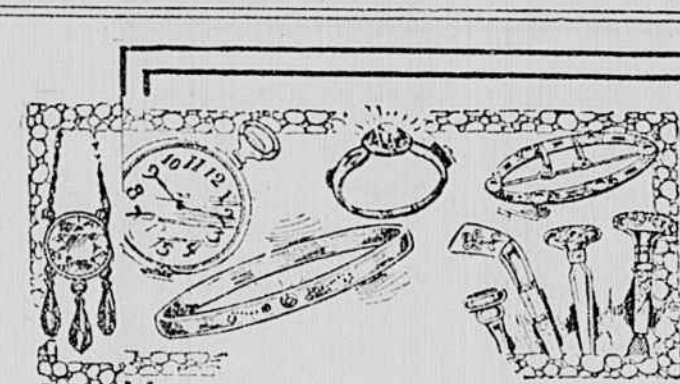
Winter wheat—Area harvested, 18,629,000 acres, compared with 18,251,000 acres last year and 29,162,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield, 16.5 bushels, compared with 15.1 bushels last year and 14.38 bushels in 1911. Total production, 309,519,000 bushels, compared with 285,656,000 bushels in 1911. Farm value, December 1, per bushel, 82.9 cents, compared with 80.9 cents last year and 88 cents in 1911. Total value of crop, \$25,825,000, compared with \$23,572,000 last year and \$25,152,000 in 1911.

Spring wheat—Area harvested, 18,455,000 acres, compared with 15,243,000 acres last year and 20,331,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield, 15.0 bushels, compared with 17.2 bushels last year and 15.4 bushels in 1911. Total production, 279,819,000 bushels, compared with 269,652,000 bushels in 1911. Farm value, December 1, per bushel, 73.1 cents, compared with 70.1 cents last year and \$6.0 cents in 1911. Total value of crop, \$176,127,000, compared with \$231,708,000 last year and \$163,912,000 in 1911.

All wheat—Area harvested, 50,154,000 acres, compared with 45,814,000 acres last year and 49,543,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield, 15.2 bushels, compared with 15.9 bushels last year and 15.9 bushels in 1911. Total production, 762,338,000 bushels, compared with 730,267,000 bushels last year and 721,338,000 bushels in 1911. Farm value, December 1, per bushel, 79.9 cents, compared with 76.0 cents last year, and 87.4 cents in 1911. Total value of crop, \$610,124,000, compared with \$565,955,000 last year, and \$543,063,000 in 1911.

Oats—Area harvested, 35,399,000 acres, compared with 37,917,000 acres last year and 37,763,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield, 29.2 bushels, compared with 37.4 bushels last year and 34.4 bushels in 1911. Total production, 1,031,763,000 bushels, compared with 1,413,337,000 bushels last year and 922,298,000 bushels in 1911. Farm value, December 1, per bushel, 30.2 cents, compared with 31.9 cents last year, and 45.0 cents in 1911. Total value of crop, \$313,596,000, compared with \$452,469,000 last year, and \$414,663,000 in 1911.

Barley—Area harvested, 7,495,000 acres, compared with 7,530,000 acres last year and 7,627,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield, 23.8 bushels, compared with 23.7 bushels last year and 21.0 bushels



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Rye—Area harvested, 2,577,000 acres, compared with 2,117,000 acres last year and 2,127,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield, 14.2 bushels, compared with 16.8 bushels last year and 15.6 bushels in 1911. Total production, 41,381,000 bushels, compared with 35,654,000 bushels last year and 33,112,000 bushels in 1911. Farm value, December 1, per bushel, 63.4 cents, compared with 66.3 cents last year and 83.2 cents in 1911. Total value of crop, \$26,120,000, compared with \$23,956,000 last year and \$27,557,000 in 1911.

Buckwheat—Area harvested, 505,000 acres, compared with 541,000 acres last year and 533,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield, 17.2 bushels, compared with 22.9 bushels last year and 21.1 bushels in 1911. Total production, 13,832,000 bushels, compared with 19,249,000 bushels last year and 17,549,000 bushels in 1911. Farm value, December 1, per bushel, 75.5 cents, compared with 66.1 cents last year and 72.6 cents in 1911. Total value of crop, \$10,415,000, compared with \$12,720,000 last year and \$12,735,000 in 1911.

Flaxseed—Area harvested, 2,291,000 acres, compared with 2,851,000 acres last year and 2,757,000 acres in 1911. Acre yield, 7.8 bushels, compared with 8.3 bushels last year and 7.9 bushels in 1911. Total production, 17,853,000 bushels, compared with 23,073,000 bushels last year and 19,370,000 bushels in 1911. Farm value, December 1, per bushel, \$1.50, compared with \$1.15 last year and \$1.15 last.

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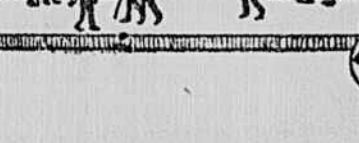
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